

6B SONG Under the Influence (3:39) MP3

- a Listen to the song. There is one extra word in each line. Cross it out.

Under the Influence

- 1 Just another ~~Monday~~ morning
- 2 With shaky hands, pounding aching head
- 3 I guess I did it all again
- 4 Try to leave, but I just can't stand
- 5 Start to think that maybe I'm better off dead
- 6 I'm really sick of this condition
- 7 Your kiss is my only **addiction**
- 8 I can tell you cast a wicked **spell** that knows no moderation
- 9 It's dangerous, the stupid things we do

Chorus

- 10 Under the influence, I got absolutely no defence
 - 11 It might be considered criminal, but still I just can't **quit**
 - 12 So under the influence, I'll take the consequence
 - 13 Well, if it's poisonous, I'll let it take my last breath
- Under the influence
- 14 Temptation, creeping up on me again
 - 15 Gets right under my skin, won't let me be
 - 16 Haunt all my days and haunt my sleep, viciously **unrelenting**
 - 17 And lay back down again
 - 18 And give back in again
 - 19 And feel so good again
 - 20 Begging for yet another beautiful **sin**
 - 21 It's dangerous, the stupid things we do

Chorus

- 22 Under the influence, the walls are closing in quickly
- 23 It's not inevitable, but I can't see him
- 24 leaving out the cruel destruction of your love

Oh, oh

Chorus

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- b Match the **bold** words 1–5 from the song to synonyms a–e.

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| 1 a spell | a a moral law |
| 2 an addiction | b a charm |
| 3 quit | c not stopping |
| 4 unrelenting | d stop |
| 5 a sin | e obsession |

- c Read the lyrics with the glossary and listen to the song again. How do you think the singer feels about her relationship and her life?

GLOSSARY

pounding = a very loud repeated noise
creep up on sb = to move slowly nearer to sb, usually from behind, without being seen or heard
get under sb's skin = to annoy sb

SONG FACTS

Elle King (real name Tanner Elle Schneider) is an American singer and actress who can also play the guitar and banjo. *Under the Influence* appears on her 2015 album *Love Stuff* and her musical style on the album encompasses country, rock, soul, and blues. One of King's favourite groups is AC/DC and she even has the band's logo tattooed on her bicep!

